

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Insertions are indicated by underlining and deletions are indicated by double bracketing or by strike-through.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 10 of the specification as follows:

Poly G nucleic acids preferably are nucleic acids having the following formulas:

5' X<sub>1</sub>X<sub>2</sub>GGGX<sub>3</sub>X<sub>4</sub> 3'

wherein X<sub>1</sub>, X<sub>2</sub>, X<sub>3</sub>, and X<sub>4</sub> are nucleotides. In preferred embodiments at least one of X<sub>3</sub> and X<sub>4</sub> are a G. In other embodiments both of X<sub>3</sub> and X<sub>4</sub> are a G. In yet other embodiments the preferred formula is 5' GGGNNGGG 3' (SEQ ID NO:28)[[,]] or 5' GGGNGGGNGGG 3' (SEQ ID NO:29), wherein N represents between 0 and 20 nucleotides.